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AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

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Town Warrant for March 8, 1910

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the town of Atkinson, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Academy hall, in said town, on the Second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st.—To choose by ballot and major vote a town clerk.

2nd.—To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen.

3rd.—To choose by ballot and major vote a town treasurer.

4th.—To choose by ballot and major vote a collector of taxes.

5th.—To choose by ballot and major vote library trustees.

6th.—To choose all other necessary town officers.

7th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of the poor.

8th.—To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for repairing highways.

9th.—To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required to secure State aid for permanent road building.

10th.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Public Library, over and above that required by law.

11th.—To see if the town will vote to pay a part or the whole of its outstanding notes, and appropriate for the same.

12th.—To see if the town will vote to purchase land for a new cemetery, and make appropriation for the same.

13th.—To see if the town will vote to pay part of the expense of repairing the road leading from the main highway, and past the residence of Elmer E. Conley to Island Pond, and appropriate for the same.

14th.—To see if the town will vote to purchase three street lamps to be placed at the corners near the Park, the residence of C. E. Seaward and the Cogswell farm, and appropriate for the same.

15th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for all other town charges.

16th.—To transact any and all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

17th.—To hear the reports of all agents, auditors, or committees that may choose to report at this meeting, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, 1910.

JOHN H. SMITH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE H. MASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

Selectmen's Report

Valuation of resident real estate,....	\$194,365 00
Valuation of non resident real estate	46,198 00
Number of Horses, non-resident, 1....	65 00
Number of Cows, non-resident, 9....	254 00
Number of Oxen, non-resident, 6....	390 00
Number of Neat Stock non-resident 5	78 00
Number of Sheep, non-resident, 14..	70 00
Number of Horses, resident, 136....	11,105 00
Number of Cows, resident, 354	10,331 00
Number of Oxen, resident, 4.....	260 00
Number of Neat Stock, resident, 63..	1,265 00
Number of Hogs, resident, 13.....	150 00
Number of Sheep, resident, 7.....	50 00
Number of Fowl, resident, 445.....	368 00
Number of Polls, resident, 110.....	11,000 00
Number of Saw Mills, 2.....	1,800 00
Number of Canning Factories, 1.....	500 00
Carriages,	725 00
Money at Interest,	9,200 00
Stock in Trade, resident,	1,556 00
Stock in Trade, non-resident,	4,918 00
Electric Power line,	5,000 00

\$299,648 00

On which the Selectmen have assessed the following:

State Tax,	\$832 00
County Tax,	718 19
Town Charges,	600 00
Town Poor,	236 00
School Tax by law,	780 00
School Tax by vote,	1,020 00
Repairs on School houses,	100 00
School Supplies,	125 00
Highways, including permanent road fund,	749 00
Highways, to secure State aid for per- manent road fund,	147 00
Special appropriation for bridge,	100 00
Public Library over and above re- quired by law,	50 00
Public Library, required by law,	31 20
Overlay,	144 99
	<hr/> \$5,633 38

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

School Board on account of Schools,	\$1,800 00
School Board on account of Repairs..	100 00
School Board on account of Supplies	125 00
	<hr/> \$2,025 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Library Trustees	\$30 61
Fred P. Wright, repairs,	1 57
	<hr/> \$32 18

TOWN AID.

S. Arthur Steele,	\$110 00
Daniel Card, board at County Farm	130 00
Howard W. Hall, wearing apparel and groceries,	7.38
	<hr/> \$247 38

WILLIAM C. TODD CEMETERY FUND.

George P. Dow, care of lots,	\$3 00
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SARAH E. KNIGHT CEMETERY FUND.

Abraham A. Dow, care of lot,	\$2 00
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BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Elmer E. Conley, lumber for bridge near Anderson's,	11 00	
Elmer E. Conley, culvert Providence Hill,	4 87	
Hanscom Hardware Co., drain pipe,..	13 60	
Walter B. Lang, Districts No. 2, 3, 5,	31 48	
	<hr/>	\$60 95

HIGHWAYS.

Walter B. Lang, surveyor Districts 2 and 3 for 1908,	\$16 10
Walter B. Lang, surveyor Districts 2, 3 and 5, 1909,	184 72
Benjamin O. Wood, surveyor Districts 8 and 9, 1908,	2 45
Cyrus F. Noyes, surveyor District 1 for 1909,	66 76
Elmer E. Conley, surveyor Districts 6 and 7, 1909,	53 12
Elmer E. Conley, surveyor Districts 5, 1909,	71 00
Fred P. Wright, surveyor District 4, 1909,	100 34
George B. Freeman, surveyor District 8, 1909,	82 29

Herbert N. Sawyer, surveyor District 9, 1909,	15 80	
		<hr/> \$592 58

SNOW BILLS.

Walter B. Lang, Districts 2, 3, and 5,	\$24 44	
Walter B. Lang, Districts 2, 3, and 5, 1908,	1 16	
Elmer E. Conley, Districts 6 and 7, ...	20 64	
Cyrus F. Noyes, District 1,	23 73	
George B. Freeman, District 8,	19 08	
Herbert N. Sawyer, District 9,	18 37	
Fred P. Wright, District 4,	20 88	
Eugene E. Sawyer, Districts 2 and 3,	12 15	
William W. Aiken, Districts 2 and 3,	1 85	
		<hr/> \$142 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Edgar R. Bailey, watering trough, in full to 1910,	\$4 00	
Samuel B. Mason, water trough, in full to 1910,	1 50	
Samuel B. Mason, Collector, as per list 1908,	12 19	
Samuel B. Mason, Collector, as per list, 1909,	5 64	
Samuel B. Mason, Collector, Soldiers' Exemption, 1909,	47 94	
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering trough, 1909,	3 00	
		<hr/> \$74 27

INTEREST.

Verta A. Smith, interest on note,	\$40 00
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BROWNTAIL MOTH TRIMMING.

David F. Chute, on Town land,	\$7 00	
George E. Bernard, highways, etc., ...	125 00	
		<u>\$132 00</u>

MEMORIAL DAY.

George P. Dow, flags,	\$3 34
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LABOR IN CEMETERY.

Herbert N. Sawyer, labor,	\$3 00	
John H. Smith, labor,	10 02	
David F. Chute, labor by committee,	6 40	
		<u>\$19 42</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH.

George P. Dow,	\$1 65
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DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Napolian Senecal,	\$10 00
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NEW BRIDGE WORK.

Elmer E. Conley, Damon bridge,	\$37 65	
Elmer E. Conley, Hitchcock bridge, ..	84 88	
John D. Kelley, Hitchcock bridge, ..	28 00	
John H. Smith, paid out, Hitchcock bridge, as per list,	66 31	
Cyrus F. Noyes, labor, East road bridge,	2 00	
Colby Bros., lumber, East road bridge,	20 57	
Colby Bros., lumber, Hitchcock bridge,	22 96	
		<u>\$262 37</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edson C. Eastman, two order books,...	\$2 01
Amesbury Pub. Co., town reports, 1909,	30 00
David F. Chute, cutting brush on Town land,	75
Jay M. Goodrich, caring for hall and supplies,	6 00
Chase Bros., auction bill,	1 61
George A. Page, postage, etc.,	2 60
The Welch Press Co., 100 checklists,...	10 00
John H. Smith, telephone, postage, etc.,	4 74
	<hr/> \$57 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

John K. Mason, notifying dog owners,	\$7 00
Charles B. Wheeler, services as super- visor, 1908,	10 00
Samuel B. Mason, services as collector of taxes,	65 00
Samuel B. Mason, services as district clerk,	1 00
George A. Page, services as town treas- urer,	15 00
George A. Page, services as town clerk	15 00
George A. Page, services as school treas- urer,	8 00
George H. Mason, services as selectman,	25 00
Eugene E. Sawyer, services as selectman,	25 00
John H. Smith, services as selectman,	55 00
Walter B. Lang, services as truant of- ficer,	3 00
	<hr/> \$229 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State Tax,	\$832 00
County Tax,	718 19
	<hr/> \$1,550 19

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Collector's warrant,	\$5,633 38
Received from State railroad tax,	182 55
Received from Savings Bank tax,	190 78
Received from Literary fund,	57 04
Received from Insurance tax,	7 50
Received from proportion School tax,	248 90
Received from sale of Standing grass,	32 00
Received from sale of Apples,	6 40
Received from William C. Todd Cemetery fund,	3 00
Received from Sarah E. Knight cemetery fund,	2 00
	<hr/> \$6,363 55

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

School board,	\$2,025 00
Public Library,	32 18
Town Aid,	247 38
Care of W. C. Todd cemetery lot,	3 00
Care of S. E. Knight cemetery lot,	2 00
Bridges and culverts,	60 95
Highways,	592 58
Snow bills,	142 30
Abatement of taxes,	74 27
Interest on note to Verta A. Smith,	40 00
Browntail moth trimming,	132 00
Memorial day expense,	3 34

Labor in cemetery,	19 42
Board of Health,	1 65
Damage by dogs, Napolian Senecal,....	10 00
New bridge work,	262 37
Miscellaneous,	57 71
Town Officers,	229 00
State tax,	832 00
County tax,	718 19
	—————\$5,485 34
Selectmen's balance from appropriations and receipts,	\$878 21

JOHN H. SMITH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE H. MASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with cash on hand Feb. 16, 1909,	\$907 44
Received from State insurance tax,	7 50
Received from State railroad tax,	182 55
Received from State savings bank tax,	190 78
Received from State literary fund,	57 04
Received from State, proportion of school fund,	248 90
Received from town clerk, dog licenses,	109 20
Received from collector, error in abate- ment,	2 24
Received from collector, taxes, 1907, ...	38 10
Received from collector, taxes, 1908, ...	195 84
Received from collector, interest on tax- es 1907 and 1908,	14 78
Received from collector, taxes, 1909,...	5,148 92
Received from Susan M. Clarke, ceme- tery fund,	5 00
Received from selectmen, sale of per- sonal property,	38 40
Received from Haverhill National Bank, interest on deposits,	6 52
Received from Haverhill Savings Bank, interest on S. E. Knight fund,	2 00
Received from Pentucket Savings Bank,	

interest on William. C. Todd cemetery fund,	3 00
Received from George W. Russell, voluntary tax,	2 00
	—————\$7,160 21

He credits himself as follows:

Paid selectmen's orders,	\$5,485 34
Paid school treasurer, literary fund,....	57 04
Paid school treasurer, proportion of school fund,	248 90
Paid school treasurer, balance dog licenses, 1908,	101 05
	—————\$5,892 33
Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,267 88

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount due from taxes, 1908,	\$3 90
Amount due from taxes, 1909,	243 80
Overpaid appropriations for poor,....	11 38
Cash in treasury,	1,267 88
	—————\$1,526 96

LIABILITIES.

Due Verta A. Smith,	\$1,000 00
Balance due memorial committee,	12 51
Balance due selectmen, Todd fund,....	1 47
Balance due cemetery, appropriation and gifts,	72 58
Amount due permanent road fund,....	888 50
Amount due highway department,....	122 49
Amount due library trustees,	45 07
	—————\$2,142 62
Balance against the town,	\$615 66

GEORGE A. PAGE, Treasurer.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from town treasurer, amount of school money,	\$1,800 00
Received from repair fund,	100 00
Received from balance dog licenses, 1908	101 05
Received from state literary fund,	57 04
Received from proportion of school fund,	248 90
Received from town treasurer, text books,	125 00
Received from Brickett tuition,	34 25
	<hr/> \$2,466 24
He credits himself as follows:	
Paid school orders,,	\$2,467 00
Balance due treasurer,	76

GEORGE A. PAGE,

School Treasurer.

The Auditor has examined and audited the report of the Treasurer of the School Board and finds this report to be correctly computed and all payments properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER,

Atkinson, Feb. 24, 1910.

Auditor.

Collector's Report

Dr.

The amount in selectmen's warrant was \$5,633 38
Amount assessed later, 1 88
—————\$5,635 26

Cr.

Receipts from treasurer,\$5,148 92
Discounts prior to Sept. 4, 1909, 242 54
Uncollected taxes, 1909, 243 80
—————\$5,635.26

S. B. MASON , Collector.

Atkinson, Feb. 15, 1910.

Auditors' Report

The Auditors have examined and audited the reports of the board of Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer, and Trustees of the Public Library, and find these reports to be correctly computed and properly vouched for.

GEO. A. SAWYER,
CHARLES I. PRESSEY,

Atkinson, Feb. 24, 1910.

Auditors.

Births Registered in Town of Atkinson, N. H., for year ending, December 31, 1909

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Color of Parents	Res. of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother		
			Male	Female	Living								No. of Child. 1st, 2nd, Etc.	Color
May 21	Atkinson	Richard	M		5th	Joshua Richards	Edin Russell	White	Atkinson	Farmer	Atkinson	East Haverhill, Mass.		
July 24		Marguerite Noyes		F	3rd	Isaac S. Noyes	Maria J. A. Hart			Farmer		Port Hawksbury, C. B		
Aug. 25		Mason	M		6th	Caryle B. Mason	Susie Beckford			Carpenter		Browns'eld, Me.		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A PAGE, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Atkinson, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1909

Date of Death	Place of Death.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Con.			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of Father
		Years	Months	Days		Male	Female	Color		Father	Mother				
Jan. 12	James Barton Harvey	64	4	19	Taunton, Vass.	M			Doctor	N. H.	Taunton, Mass	Barton P. Harvey	Hannah Tenard	Heart Failure	Farmer
Feb. 14	Moses Brown Stevens	73	11	17	Plaistow, N. H.	M			Farmer	Plaistow, N. H.	Kingston, N. H.	Moses Stevens	Sarah Whitaker	Cancer in stomach	Farmer
Feb. 17	Greenleaf Clark Gordon	72	3	23	Salem, N. H.	M			Farmer	Salem, N. H.		Herndell B. Gordon	Phoebe Haskell	Pneumonia	S. Mason
Mar. 25	Eliza M. Hadley	82	6	14	Warren, Me.	W			Clerk	Atkinson, N. H.		David Page	Sarah Crofford	Old Age	Carpenter
Mar. 27	Ralph E. Poore	33	2	5	Boston, Mass.	M				Providence, R. I.	Draught, Mass	Sullivan K. Poore	Alicia M. Fox	Phthisis Pulmon	Laundry
Apr. 10	Willbur				Scituate, R. I.	M			S. Mason	Scituate, R. I.	W. Greew'h R.	Charles H. Wilbur	Annie Shippry	Pneumonia	Bob. Tur'n
Apr. 7	Everett Wheeler	66	2	20	Minot, Me.	M		White	Farmer	Rockport, Mass	Lockport, Mass	Moses Wheeler	Amelia Tarr	Heart disease	Carpenter
Oct. 22	Joseph Freeman	75	7	5	Atkinson, N. H.	M				Atkinson, N. H.	Brownfield, Me.	Samuel Freeman	Elizabeth Bradford	Apoplexy	Farmer
Oct. 24	Jessie W. Mason	75	1	30		M	F			Atkinson, N. H.	Atkinson	Carlisle B. Mason	Susie Bickford	Indigestion	
Nov. 14	Sam'l Gard'r Chandler	81	3	7		M				Roston, Mass.		John Chandler	Betsey Webster	Paresis of br'n	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Atkins, n. N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1909

Date of Marriage		Place of Marriage		Name and Sirname of Groom and Bride		Age of each in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride		Place of Birth of each and Res. of each at time of Marriage		Names of Parents		Birthplace of Parents		Occupation		Condition: whether single or wid. what mar'ge, 1st, 2nd, etc		Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married	
Nov. 14	Southport, Me.	Oseca P. Little	Lenna Ellen Pinkham	21	White	Shipper	Teacher	Atkinson, N. H.	Southport, Me.	Samuel N. Little	Mary G. Caplon	Atkinson, N. H.	Plaisow, N. H.	Boothbay, Me	Southport, Me	Farmer	Housewife	Merchant	Housewife	Single first	J. D. Payson, Southport, Me. Clergyman

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk

Report of School Board

To the Selectmen of the Town of Atkinson:

The school board of the town respectfully calls your attention to the following items which we understand your board will assess without vote according to the present law:

High school tuitions estimated,	\$630 00
Text books and supplies,	140 00
Flags and appurtenances,	10 00

We also wish to call the attention of the parents to the improved conditions in our schools, the best we believe in the history of the town. One of the scholars recently moved to Lynn and was three weeks ahead of the work in her grade at the Lynn school. A family having several children moved to Haverhill and each one of the children was up to or ahead of the Haverhill standard for the corresponding grade. We are proud of our teachers in regard to the school work and their usefulness generally in the town. To them and to the superintendent we all must give credit for the excellent results.

HERBERT N. SAWYER,
HARRY J. NOYES,
CHARLES I. PRESSY,

School Board.

PAID OUT.

Teachers,	\$1,351 80
Text books and supplies,	133 84
Miscellaneous,	142 02
Repairs,	77 34
Superintendent,	312 00
Tuitions in Academy,	450 00
	<hr/> \$2,467 00

TEACHERS.

April 28, Mabel Smith,	\$42 50
April 27, H. N. Sawyer, balance due Mrs. Marble, 1909,	9 00
April 27, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	36 00
April 29, May E. Smith,	51 00
June 18, Mrs. Wiggin,	130 00
June 18, Elsie Conley,	117 00
June 18, May E. Smith,	59 50
June 18, Mabel Smith,	68 00
June 18, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	72 00
Sept. 23, Mattie Tuttle,	18 00
October 20, May E. Smith,	54 00
October 20, Lida Brines,	50 00
October 20, Clara C. Cutter,	60 00
October 20, Mabel Smith,	54 00
October 29, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	45 00
November 19, Clara C. Cutter,	40 00
November 22, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	27 00
December 9, Lida Brines,	66 00
December 21, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	27 00
December 17, May E. Smith,	59 40
December 17, Clara C. Cutter,	36 00
December 17, Lida Brines,	10 00
December 17, Mabel Smith,	68 40

January 28, Mrs. L. E. Marble,	36 00
January 28, Mabel Smith,	36 00
January 28, Clara Cutter,	40 00
January 28, Lida Brines,	40 00
	<hr/> \$1,351 80

CASH RECEIPTS.

Raised for school,	\$1,800 00
Repairs,	100 00
Dog tax,	101 05
Literary fund,	57 04
Received from state for superintendent and overlay for schools,	248 90
Text books and supplies,	125 00
Tuitions for scholars out of town,	34 25
Amount due the treasurer,	76
	<hr/> \$2,467 00

REPAIRS.

April 22, O. L. Whittaker,	4 49
June 21, O. L. Whittaker,	75
October 7, Horace Bailey, steel ceiling, district 2,	70 00
February 14, Harry D. Noyes,	2 10
	<hr/> \$77 34

D. E. WIGNOT, SUPERINTENDENT.

March 20, D. E. Wignot,	\$50 00
April 20, D. E. Wignot,	25 00
May 19, D. E. Wignot,	25 00
June 18, D. E. Wignot,	25 00
July 19, D. E. Wignot,	25 00
August 13, D. E. Wignot,	27 00

September 13,	27 00	
October 20, D. E. Wignot,	27 00	
November 15, D. E. Wignot,	27 00	
December 11, D. E. Wignot,	27 00	
January 14, D. E. Wignot,	27 00	
		————— \$312 00

TUITIONS IN ACADEMY.

May 7, 11 scholars,	\$110 00	
October 28, 17 scholars,	170 00	
January 24, 17 scholars,	170 00	
		————— \$450 00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

November 15, Milton Bradley Co.,	\$13 47	
November 15, R. E. Lane,	48	
November 15, Edward E. Babb & Co.,	7 50	
November 15, J. L. Hammett & Co.,	23 47	
December 11, D. B. Lippencott Co.,	6 00	
December 11, Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 88	
December 11, D. E. Hammett & Co.,	1 05	
December 11, Silver, Burdette & Co.,	53	
December 11, D. C. Heath & Co.,	5 30	
December 11, Rand, McNalley & Co.,	6 60	
December 11, Little, Brown & Co.,	1 10	
December 13, Oval & Koster,	16 90	
December 21, American Book Co.,	11 55	
January 10, Kenney Bros. & Wolkins,	6 75	
January 10, Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	11 02	
January 14, J. L. Hammett Co.,	7 50	
January 17, Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.,	1 64	
January 17, Babb & Co.,	3 50	
January 17, C. E. Leslie Mus. Co.,	3 60	
		————— \$133.84

MISCELLANEOUS.

May 10, H. D. Noyes for Harold, sawing wood and placing,	\$2 50
May 10, H. D. Noyes, wood,	1 75
May 10, H. D. Noyes, setting glass,	45
May 10, H. D. Noyes, cleaning out stove and funnel,	25
May 10, R. D. Noyes,, H. E. Noyes, janitor, 1908-09,	2 75
June 11, Henry Noyes, wood,	4 00
June 11, Ruth Noyes, janitor,	3 00
June 24, Alvin Whittaker, janitor,	3 75
October 7, tuition of E. E. Conley's girl in Salem,	13 00
October 7, George H. Mason, cleaning chimney, district 2,	2 75
October 20, L. W. Lufkin, wood,	4 50
November 26, N.E. Wood & Co., printing,	13 35
December H. D. Noyes, organ rent,	12 00
December 22, E. E. Conley, wood and labor,	17 50
February 14, Ellen Noyes, janitor dist. 1,	4 75
February 14, George H. Mason, wood,..	1 50
February 14, Harry D. Noyes for Harold E., sawing and care,	2 25
February 14, Harry D. Noyes, express on grate,	90
February 15, J. H. Smith, wood and labor,	18 40
February 15, D. Marin & Co., coal,	32 00
February 15, George A. Page, amount due for 1909,	67
	<hr/> \$142 02

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS

Schools	Number One			Number Two			Number Three			Number Four			Number Five		
Teachers	Elsie M. Conley	Clara C. Cutter	Clara C. Cutter	May E. Smith	May E. Smith	" "	Mrs. G. A. Wiggins	Lida Brines	" "	Mrs. L. Eugene Marble	" "	" "	Mabel L. Smith	" "	" "
Term	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter
Weeks of five days	13	14	5	13	14	5	13	14	5	12	13	5	13	14	5
Whole no. of different pupils reg.	12	8	9	17	23	20	14	15	13	15	15	15	10	9	8
Boys	6	4	5	6	12	12	8	7	6	4	3	3	7	6	5
Girls	6	4	4	11	11	8	6	8	7	11	12	12	3	3	3
Average daily Attendance	11	7	8	13	21	16	13	12	11	14	14	14	9	8	8
Average daily Absence	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Average Membership	12	8	9	14	23	18	14	15	13	15	15	15	10	9	8
Percent of Attendance	93	98	90	89	92	87	98	83	84	96	94	92	97	97	95
No. cases of Tardiness	8	0	2	6	6	1	0	5	2	12	3	1	4	7	12
Visits by the Superintendent	12	9	4	12	10	4	12	11	4	9	7	3	11	11	3
Visits by the School Board	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visits by Parents & others	7	9	3	25	25	17	13	14	6	13	5	0	6	8	0
No. of pupils not absent or tardy	4	4	5	1	5	4	4	3	4	2	2	5	3	3	2
Wages of teachers per month	\$36.	\$40.	\$40.	\$34.	\$36.	\$36.	\$40.	\$40.	\$40.	\$36.	\$36.	\$36.	\$34.	\$36.	\$36.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS.

To the committee of the school district of the town of
Atkinson:

I have the honor to submit my third annual report.

THE SCHOOL WORK.

The work in the different studies has moved along satisfactorily in the channels outlined in my report last year.

I feel that, in reading, the purpose of the state program of studies has been fairly well achieved. The pupils have shown that a love of good reading has been cultivated by the eager interest and pleasure with which they read the books furnished them. We need considerably more supplementary material before all the classes are equipped as they should be, but, by interchanging among the schools, a good supply has been obtained.

The progress in handwriting has been most marked, which has been due chiefly to the hard work on the part of the teachers in drilling themselves in the muscular movement. Bad habits of sitting and of holding pencils and pens have been broken up and correct ones insisted upon all the time. Definite results have been shown in this study by the goodly number of scholars who have developed very creditable skill in the muscular movement.

By eliminating useless topics and by giving more time to essentials, the work in arithmetic has been improved. The teachers have been held strictly to the accomplishment of the work for each year as laid down in the program of studies. The attainment of the pupils was tested last June by the department examinations and the results carefully noted. While it is true that these were not all we could hope for, a very fair showing was made. Quite likely, in a good many cases, the judgment and reasoning

power of the pupils had not been properly trained. It is astonishing how very little independent "thinking" a child may do in "going through" many pages of the text book. Of course, it is the business of the teachers to see to it that their pupils do think, and think until they acquire sufficient power to compute all the problems the common affairs of life shall call for. The question was thoroughly threshed out in two of our teachers' meetings. Later, in December, I tested the children again with better results. We have every reason to expect a higher average in the test by the department of public instruction next June.

The examinations in grammar last June ranked "good." Those in history, physiology, geography, and civics, ranked "fair," showing the character of the work done in these subjects.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

I have held six teachers' meetings during the year on the following subjects: Arithmetic, (two meetings); grammar, (2 meetings); handwriting; the school register.

The main purpose of these meetings was to interpret for the teachers the work of the different branches as laid down in the program of studies, and to impress upon them their responsibility for the accomplishment of it. Incidentally, I brought before the teachers the corrected papers from last June's examinations, showing the average for each school in each test, and also the number of pupils in all the schools together who received perfect marks and those who made mistakes, in each question. By this means we learned just where the children had failed in their year's work, so far as the examinations covered it. The knowledge obtained has been of great benefit to the teachers this year.

The interest of the teachers in these meetings is shown

by the fact that all the teachers attended every meeting. They asked and answered many practical questions of school room work. In advance of each meeting I inspected the work of each teacher in the subject that was next to be treated and in this way kept before the teachers and myself a definite object to work for at all times throughout the year. The meetings will continue to be held once a month.

Your attention is invited to the following table showing items of interest for the years 1906 to 1909 inclusive. Note especially the following: Percent of attendance; length of school year in weeks of five days; number of pupils attending the academy; teachers.

STATISTICS 1906—1909.

PUPILS AND ATTENDANCE.

	1909	1908	1907	1906
Total enrolment,	78	79	80	84
Boys	30	38	41	40
Girls,	48	41	39	44
Average attendance in all schools together,	60	57	49	56
Average absence in all schools together,	4	7	9	7
Average membership in all schools together,	64	64	58	63
Percent of attendance,	93.9	89	84	88
Pupils not absent or tardy during the year,	8	6	1	

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

No. of pupils attending high schools or academies whose tuition is paid by town,	17	16	15	15
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LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

Average length of all schools				
in weeks of five days, . . .	33 3-5	32 2-5	33 1-5	26 1-4
Greatest number of weeks in				
any school,	34	35	37	27
Least number of weeks in				
any school,	32	30	30½	25

TEACHERS.

Number of different regular				
women teachers em-				
ployed,	8	5	5	5
Average salary of women				
teachers per school mo. .	34.95	35.28	34.00	28.80
Number teaching first time, . .	2	0	0	1
Number of teachers not acad-				
emy or high school grad-				
uates,	0	0	0	0
Number of normal graduates				
teaching,	0	0	0	0
Number of training school				
graduates teaching, . . .	1	3	2	0
Number of teachers who at-				
tended an institute dur-				
ing year,	6	5	3	

A comparative study of the statistics for the years 1906 to 1909 will show in what respects the schools have gained or lost ground. During the year 1906 and the greater part of the year 1907 no superintendent was employed.

ATTENDANCE.

The percent of attendance stood at 88 in 1906, fell to 84 in 1907, rose to 89 in 1908, and reached 93.9 in 1909.

when it was 4 points above the average for the state. This gain shows progress that is fundamental, as no other item can be considered of as great importance in the schooling of the children as regularity of attendance. Atkinson may well feel proud of this item in the history of her education.

The number of children attending the academy shows a slight increase while at the same time the total enrolment of school children has fallen off considerably. This year 100 percent of the common school graduates entered the secondary school. The average for 51 cities and towns in this state last year was 88 percent of the graduates, and the estimated average for the entire state was 50 per cent. Here again the town has an enviable record and strong reason to be congratulated.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

The school year closing July 15, 1909, was the longest in the four years for which I have given the figures. It was above the average for the state, but, to quote from State Superintendent Morrison's last report: "Here, as elsewhere, the average value does not tell the whole story. 56 per cent of the whole school membership of the state is in towns in which the school year is 36 weeks or over. It is to be hoped that this percentage will continue to rise until it reaches 100 per cent." It seems reasonable to ask that, if our children are expected to be prepared for the academy, an approved school, in eight years of study that each of these eight years ought to be thirty-six weeks long.

TEACHERS.

Teachers' salaries show a gain in 1909 of \$6.15 per school month over those in 1906, but for the last three years have been about stationary. In order that we may

know how we stand in this matter compared with other towns I give the average woman teacher's salary per school month for the state in the year 1908, which was \$36.01. The average for this item in Rockingham county was \$37.33. Let it be remembered that the average for Atkinson that year was \$35.28, which was also the highest in our history.

The honor list for the year ending June, 1909, follows:

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For the Year Ending June, 1909.

Harold E. Brickett, Roland I. Noyes, Eleanor Pressey, C. Ruth Noyes, Harold E. Noyes, Gladys M. Lucy, James M. Noyes, Rose M. Senecal.

For Two Terms.

William R. Brickett, Kathleen G. Wood, Benjamin E. Stevens, Margaret A. Wood, Blanche M. Cole, Charlie A. Cole.

For One Term.

Ernest E. Kimball, Grace E. Cole, Walter E. Kimball, Pearl M. Grant, Marion G. Wheeler, Bernice L. Poor, Blanche E. Brickett, Elgin E. Reynolds, Pearle E. Kimball, Adin E. Poor, Richard L. Heald, Clarence C. Wheeler, Edna M. Young, Wesley H. Young, Charles Wheeler, Beatrice Alby, Ellen Alby.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the loyal support of the teachers, who have always shown a hearty interest in their work, and an earnest desire to improve their schools in every way; to the school board for their thoughtful and intelligent work in behalf of the trust they hold; and to the townspeople for the evidence

they have shown of a disposition to do all in their power to provide good schools for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WIGNOT,

Superintendent.

Library Report

The trustees of the Public Library make the following report for the year ending February 15, 1910:

Number of books added during the year,.....	56
Number of new cards,	28

We have received some books and magazines from the Atkinson Reading Club and also several books from the Congregational Sunday school and private individuals for which we extend many thanks.

GEORGE E. GILBERT,
GEORGE P. DOW.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 15th., 1910.

The Library Treasurer charges himself with:

Received from town on account,	\$20 27
Received from town on account,	10 34
	\$30 61

He credits himself as follows:

Paid De Wolfe Fiske & Co.,	\$20 27
Paid F. J. Barnard for binding,	8 49
Paid express,	1 85
	\$30 61

GEORGE P. DOW,
Treasurer.

Catalogue of Books

Added during the year ending Feb. 15, 1910.

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| A Lady of Rome, | F. Marion Crawford |
| Arcana of Nature, | Hudson Tuttle |
| Autobiography of Oliver O. Howard. 2 Vols..... | Oliver O. Howard |
| A Woman Who Went to Alaska, | M. K. Sullivan |
| A Wanderer in Holland, | E. V. Lucas |
| A Certain Rich Man, | Wm. A. White |

B

- Beacon Lights of History. 15 Vols....John Lord, L. L. D.

C

- Century Magazine. 3 Vols.
Cap'n Eri, Joseph C. Lincoln
Carolina Lee, Lillian Bell

E

- Egypt and Babylon, Geo. Rawlinson, M. A.

F

- Freckles, Gene S. Porter
Four Aspects of Civic Duty, Wm. H. Taft
Five Little Peppers Abroad, Margaret Sidney

H

- History of Exeter, N. H.,Chas. H. Bell
History of the Reformation,J. H. M. D. Autigne
Harper's Magazine. 3 Vols.

I

Irene of the Mountains,Geo. C. Eggleston

K

Katrine,Eleanor M. Lane

L

Lewis Rand,Mary Johnston

M

My Life as an Indian,J. W. Schultz

S

Sweet Peggy,Linnie S. Harris

Sex Equality,Dr. E. Dunsmore

Scribner's Magazine. 3 Vols.

St. Nicholas Magazine. 3 Vols.

T

The Bench and Bar of N. H.,Chas. H. Bell

Truth Dexter,Sidney McCall

The Hand-Made Gentleman,Irving Bacheller

The Old Home House,Joseph C. Lincoln

The God of His Fathers,Jack London

The Doctor,Ralph Conner.

The Man of the Mountain,S. R. Crockett

The Son of the Wolf,Jack London

The Debtor,Mary W. Freeman

Truthful Jane,Florence M. Kingsley

Through the Eye of the Needle,Wm. D. Howells

The Widow's Mite,Isaac K. Funk

That Printer of Udell's,Harold B. Wright

The Calling of Dan Mathews,Harold B. Wright

The Crewe's Career,Winston Churchill

U

Uncle William,Jeanette Lee

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Why Friends do not Baptize with Water, James H. Moon

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